

IN RECOGNITION OF "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT"

WHEREAS, President George Bush, had the Wisdom and Foresight to sign The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA was and is to further ensure that all Americans are given every possible opportunity to live their lives with maximum INDEPENDENCE; and

WHEREAS, Since it's enactment, the ADA has enriched the lives of thousands of people with disabilities across the United States through architectural barrier removal, increased accessible public transportation, safety, measures and devices to aid all disabilities, fair employment practices for people with disabilities, and fair housing practices bringing about Greater Community Inclusion; and

WHEREAS, The first Public Celebration of signing of ADA, in this area, is underway in Augusta-Richmond County, recognizing its twelfth year as part of The Civil Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, Many local individuals with disabilities have benefited and continue to overcome obstacles, facing them daily, because of the foundation of Civil Rights established within this Great Piece of Legislation; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Augusta-Richmond County are encouraged to recognize the obstacles faced by people with disabilities that must be removed in order for them to live a full, productive and INDEPENDENT LIFE.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2002 to be "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY" in Augusta-Richmond County, and encourage all citizens to participate this day and in the future, in advancing those opportunities which will enable persons with disabilities to achieve Freedom and Independence.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this twenty-sixth day of July 2002.